

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

When I heard
about this, it made
me think that we no
longer live in a
free and open
society. Sinclair
Broadcasting is
going to be guilty
of distributing
government
propaganda.
They are clearly
abusing their media
power to promote
ideologies - aren't
there laws
preventing this?
Can't they be
stopped? Or at
least make them give
Kerry equal time to
rebut the smear
attack?

Please keep alive
the ideals of open
media instead of
caving into
corporate media
interests and put an
end to these illegal
negative political
attacks. At
least make Sinclair
Broadcasting give
Kerry equal time to
make his case on all
62 stations that
they are forcing to
air their
self-serving smear.

Make them serve
the public instead
of playing politics!

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get

more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.